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YODELING SENSATION WYLIE & THE WILD WEST RETURN TO MISSOULA

MISSOULA--

Country music phenomenon Wylie & the Wild West will bring their dare-to-be-different sound back to the University Theatre at The University of Montana in November.

Wylie Gustafson returns to his native Montana for an 8 p.m. performance at UM's University Theatre on Saturday, Nov. 13. Tickets for Wylie & the Wild West are \$10 in advance and \$12 the day of the show. Children 12 and under are admitted free.

Called "the real deal," "a great yodeler" and "one-of-a-kind" by music reviewers, Wylie and his band perform a blend of traditional western music and hardcore honky-tonk with old-fashioned country and western roots. What's more, Wylie's trademark yodel is smooth as silk.

"Forget everything you hate about modern country, this guy is all old school cool without being a tired period piece," wrote Winda Benedetti for Spokane's Spokesman-Review.

Wylie & the Wild West's debut album, "Way Out West," came out on Rounder Records in 1997 and was followed by "Total Yodel!" in 1998. The band makes regular appearances on the "Grand Ole Opry" and "Prime Time Country," and their 10 music videos have appeared on CMT and TNN.

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The band's authentic, crowd-pleasing style has earned a loyal audience and accolades across the country. "Boy, does he swing!" wrote Mike Greenblatt for Modern Screen's Country Music.

Tickets are available from TIC-IT-E-Z locations or by calling (406) 243-4051 or (888) MONTANA.

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